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My dear Dr. Thomas

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Your letters of the 12th and 15th came this morning together with enclosures which I greatly enjoyed reading.

Assuredly do I consent to the acceptance of Gov. Mead's glorious gift of a chapel for Middlebury College and to the appointment of the special committee to control its erection. I trust that this committee will secure a design as perfect in form and adaptation as the chapel at Williams college. You have doubtless seen that.

For the last two months I have been quite an invalid: but my visit here has been a great success. I

am relieved of some serious symptoms
and have somewhat recovered my hear-
ing. I had really concluded that it
would be unwise for me to go to the
commencement at Middlebury although
my boat is due at New York on the
9th of June. But your remark that
Gov. Stewart is "counting on" my coming
goes far toward persuading me to
come. I ought to be present to see
Jack graduate.

These papers you have sent me
make me very happy. I rejoice
at what the trustees and alumni
have done and I am glad to see
that you have, in the sporting phrase,
got your "second wind" and that
you are carrying on the work with
good courage. I believe that still

quater things are coming to Middlebury under your administration.

I am fully persuaded that the Report of the Carnegie investigators will not in the end harm Middlebury. It has called the attention of the people of the state to the condition of the schools and set them to thinking. In late years little attention has been paid to education. There must now be given. //

I notice that Mr. Stone is again traveling over the state and he will doubtless repair his fences and strengthen his position as well as he can. If he accepts the findings of the Carnegie people he raises the question why he did not himself discover all the faults in the Vermont lack of system. Why was it necessary to call in experts when he has been in full charge these many years.

I sincerely hope that the Medical School of Burlington will be closed. It is impossible to create a worthy school of medicine in so small a city as Burlington. Dartmouth has been forced to give up their school of medicine.

I have a memorandum that the commencement at Middlebury is on the 17th of June. Please have a circular sent me in care of R. S. Baldwin 27 Pine St. New York.

Yours truly
Henry Otis